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UC/ALL:

JIC received one call from the Santa Barbara Independent about a ship near Refugio State Beach. We confirmed with Operations it is not with the Refugio Incident response and told the reporter.

Radio:

None found

Television:

None found

Print:

Monterey County Herald (opinion)reports The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration could have made a big difference in preventing the May oil spill at Refugio State Beach. The owner of the oil line, Plains All American Pipeline, took about 90 minutes after confirming the spill to notify responders. Another incompleteness was in issuing regulations on shut-off valves for new lines that would quickly stop the flow of oil or gas in a rupture or spill. Up to 101,000 gallons of oil were released from the corroded pipe and oil washed up on beaches as far as 100 miles away.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/opinion/20150720/hits-and-misses-dave-hobers-right-top-cop-for-monterey>

Monterey County Herald reports an odd and little-understood ocean phenomenon is taking place on Monterey Bay right now, and you may have noticed it: the waters are turning an almost tropical turquoise color. Derived from an abundance of a harmless microorganism, the colorful blooms are usually found in the open sea. The first bloom showed up last month in the Santa Barbara Channel. Iglesias-Rodriguez said she is researching why it happened there, including whether the recent oil spill is a factor.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/environment-and-nature/20150720/monterey-bays-latest-trick-turning-turquoise>

Social media report

none

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